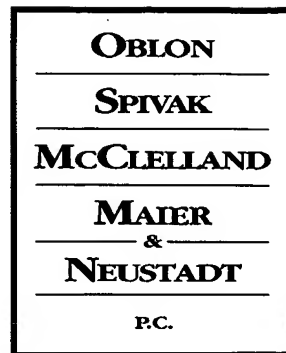




Docket No.: 241051US6YA

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313



ATTORNEYS AT LAW

RE: Application Serial No.: 10/673,254

Applicants: Hitoshi KOSUGI

Filing Date: September 30, 2003

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DISPENSING A
RINSE SOLUTION ON A SUBSTRATE

Group Art Unit: 1746

Examiner: SAEED T. CHAUDHRY

SIR:

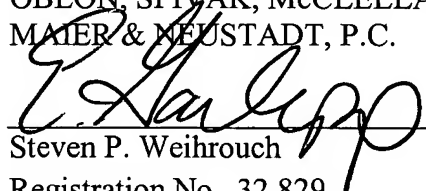
Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Our credit card payment form in the amount of \$0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND,
MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C.


Steven P. Weihrouch

Registration No. 32,829

Customer Number

22850

(703) 413-3000 (phone)

(703) 413-2220 (fax)

Edwin D. Garlepp

Registration No. 45,330

DOCKET NO: 241051US6YA



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :

HITOSHI KOSUGI

: EXAMINER: SAEED T. CHAUDHRY

SERIAL NO: 10/673,254 :

FILED: SEPTEMBER 30, 2003

: GROUP ART UNIT: 1746

FOR: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
DISPENSING A RINSE SOLUTION ON A
SUBSTRATE

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 19, 2005, Applicant respectfully elects Group I, Claims 1-12 and 26, drawn to an apparatus comprising a first nozzle, a first control valve; a second nozzle and a second control valve, for examination, with traverse.

Early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner deem that a personal or telephone conference would be of assistance in advancing this application to issue, he or she is encouraged to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the below listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND,
MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C.

Steven P. Weihrouck
Attorney of Record
Registration No. 32,829

Customer Number
22850

Tel: (703) 413-3000
Fax: (703) 413 -2220
(OSMMN 08/03)

Edwin D. Garlepp
Attorney of Record
Registration No. 45,330